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PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR PETITION FOR EXPEDITED INTERIM WAIVER OF THE COMMISSION'S ASSESSMENT RULE OF THE END USER COMMON LINE CHARGE ON CERTAIN T-1 EXCHANGE ACCESS SERVICES

RM No. 10603

COMMENTS: September 25, 2003

REPLY COMMENTS: October 10, 2003

On August 19, 2003, in RM No. 10603, various telephone industry groups filed a petition for expedited interim waiver of section 69.104 of the Commission's rules "to permit the application of no more than five [End User Common Line (EUCL or SLC)] charges to T-1 interfaces for which the customer supplies the terminating channelization equipment." The joint petitioners seek an interim waiver of this rule while the Commission considers amending the rule in response to NECA's September 26, 2002 petition for rulemaking. We seek comment on the *Waiver Petition*.

Comments and oppositions may be filed no later than **September 25, 2003**. Reply comments may be filed no later than **October 10, 2003**. All such filings should refer to **RM No. 10603**. Submissions may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System ("ECFS") or by filing paper copies. Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to: http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the docket number of this proceeding. Only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to <ecfs@fcc.gov>, and

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¹ National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Petition to Amend Section 69.104 of the Commission's Rules, RM 10603, Joint Petition for Expedited Waiver (filed Aug. 19, 2003) (Waiver Petition) (the Joint Petitioners are Eastern Rural Telecom Association, Independent Telephone and Telecommunications Alliance, John Stuarulakis Inc., Matanuska Telephone Associations, Inc., National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (NECA), National Telecommunications Cooperative Association, Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies, TDS Telecom, United States Telecom Association, and Western Alliance).
² Id. at 1-2; see National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Petition to Amend Section 69.104 of the Commission's Rules, RM 10603, Petition for Rulemaking (filed Sept. 26, 2002).

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Parties that wish to file comments on paper must send the original and four (4) copies to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Two (2) copies of the comments should also be sent to the Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554, Attention: Jeremy D. Marcus. Parties should also serve one copy with Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, (202) 863-2893, or via e-mail to <qualexint@aol.com>.

Paper copies can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail:

- Hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to: Vistronix, Inc., 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002 (8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.). All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building.
- Other messenger-delivered documents, including documents sent by commercial overnight mail (other than United States Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to: 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743 (8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.).
- U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be sent to: 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554.

Documents in RM No. 10603, including NECA's waiver petition, are available for public inspection and copying during business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. The documents may also be purchased from Qualex International, telephone (202) 863-2893, facsimile (202) 863-2898.

This matter shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. *See* 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200, 1.1206. Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one- or two-sentence description of the views and arguments presented generally is required. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b). Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

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